Government through the policy of administered prices, market prices are rising and that is reflected in the increase in the working class consumer price index. So, I want a definite reply from the Minister whether the Government is going to take a positive step to contain inflation to change its economic policy and to contain and reduce the administered prices. Unless it is done, nothing will happen.

SHRI B. K. GADHVI : ...but for the supplementary is not strictly relevant .

MR. CHAIRMAN : It is very relevant. You try to answer.

SHRI B. K. GADHVI : .....but for the benefit of the hon. Members, I would like to say that so far as the organised class is concerned, in their case even if there is a price rise, they get neutralisation. We are equally worried about the class which is not organised at all and where the neutralisation is not available. Therefore, as I stated earlier, we are consistently trying to contain inflation and are also trying to expand our public distribution system and are trying to make the commodities available at subsidised rates. This action has already been taken precisely in the areas where prices and inflation should be contained. And also despite the severe strain caused by last year's drought, you would appreciate, inflation has been contained to a very large extent and it has been appreciated by the entire nation.

Agreement with GNLF Leader

*405. SHRI P. N. SUKUL :†
SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final agreement has been reached with Shri Subhash Ghising, the GNLF leader on the setting up of a Gorkha Hill Council ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the agreement; and

(c) how the Central Government propose to implement the provisions of the agreement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Authenticated copies of the two agreements have been laid on the Table of this House on 23rd August, 1988 giving the details sought for that.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL : This question was tabled before the Home Minister made a statement in this House about the tripartite agreement reached between the GNLF, the West Bengal Government and the Union Government. In that statement it was stated that the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council would be an autonomous body. I would like to know what does this autonomy imply and how does it compare with the authority of the West Bengal Government ?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : As it has been stated in the Statement and the Memorandum of Understanding, the three Hill subdivisions of Darjeeling District, i.e. Kalimpong, Kurseong and Darjeeling and some Mouzas contiguous to Darjeeling will be for the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council. About nineteen subjects have been identified. These have been stated in the Memorandum of Understanding. Those are the nineteen subjects which will be dealt with by the Hill Council directly. In other subjects they will be dependent on the State Government and in cooperation with the State Government they will do it.

SHRI P. N. SUKUL : Sir, my second question is whether the Gorkha Hill Council received funds for the development of the region from the Planning Commission, that is, Union Government or from the

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri P. N. Sukul.

State Government or it will be authorised to raise funds on its own.

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, the Government of India have got a special scheme for the Tribal area development which is given to the State and also the hill area development. The Government of India will contribute towards this scheme but in other States, the State Governments also contribute from their budget. I think, it will be a joint contribution of the State as well as the Centre that will develop the area.

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister if he is aware of the fact that soon after the Agreement had been signed, the Member of Parliament from Darjeeling, Mr. Anand Pathak, has come out with a statement saying that "the formation of the Gorkha Hill Council without amending the Constitution will not fulfil the aspirations of the Napalese, our struggle for the regional autonomy having the Constitution amended as well as inclusion of Nepali language in the Eighth Schedule will continue". May I know from the hon. Minister how seriously the statement has been taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs? May I also know from the Minister whether in the eyes of the Government this particular attitude of the ruling party Member of Parliament from Darjeeling, would affect proper implementation of the Accord or not?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, I personally feel that it is the individual opinion of a particular person. The Government of West Bengal, the Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers are a party to it. I am confident that the Accord will be implemented in toto with good speed by both the parties. There should not be any difficulty. I do not want to comment on the individual opinion of a particular Member of Parliament.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Sir, after the Accord was signed in Calcutta, the GNLF Chief, Mr. Subash Ghising, came to Delhi and met the Prime Minister and discussed about the Agreement. May I know from the hon. Minister what actually transpired between Mr. Subash Ghising and the Prime Minister at Delhi? May I know whether the Prime Minister has asked specifically Mr. Subash Ghising to eschew violence in Darjeeling area? Even after the Agreement was signed, there was some sporadic violence which took place. One MLA was attacked. However, he escaped. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister what was the advice given by the Prime Minister to Mr. Subash Ghising?

SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV : Sir, one of the clauses of the Accord is to bring peace and Mr. Subash Ghising has himself assured and signed the Agreement saying that he would bring back peace.

It is a fact that after the Accord was signed, there were some incidents in Tarai and Siliguri areas. There is no need of the Prime Minister repeating the same what is contained in the Accord. The Accord itself says so. We are extending all co-operation to the State Government and the State Government is taking effective steps. I think that normal situation will come back very soon there.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Q. No. 406.

Trade Agreement Between India and Indonesia

*406. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK†

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

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